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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Fire Update

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The Roaring Fire Continues to Grow Slowly

Fire managers continue to monitor two lightning-caused fires south of Cedar Grove in Kings Canyon National Park. The Roaring Fire was mapped by helicopter yesterday and is now 229 acres. It is burning slowly with moderate fire behavior. The Ridge Fire remains the same at less than one acre.

The parks are allowing both fires to spread naturally using a strategy called “wildland fire use.” This strategy is utilized, when conditions allow, to maintain the natural role of fire.

Fire monitors are stationed on North Mountain directly across the Kings River from the Roaring Fire. From this vantage point, they can observe fire behavior and report to managers. The fire will be mapped by air approximately twice per week to minimize the number of flights that occur in Wilderness. Currently, there are no other firefighting crews assigned to this fire.

“We will be working with our partners, such as the U.S. Forest Service, to develop a long-term implementation plan for this fire,” said David Allen, the Fire Use Manager for the Roaring Fire.

The parks are working with the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to minimize smoke impacts. Today, technicians are installing a mobile air quality monitor in the Cedar Grove area to measure particulate levels 24 hours a day.

Visitors should be aware that smoke will be present in the Cedar Grove developed area in the early mornings since smoke settles down to lower elevations at night. The smoke lifts out of the canyon by late morning or early afternoon. Visitors who are sensitive to smoke should consider choosing campgrounds outside of the Cedar Grove area. Many camping opportunities are available in the national parks and surrounding national forests.

The Roaring Fire is located between 6,500 and 8,500 feet in elevation on the east end of Sentinel Ridge. The Ridge Fire is located at 8,500 feet in elevation approximately one mile southwest of the Roaring Fire.

www.nps.gov/seki/fire/fireinfo/current.htm